

## **Ondo @35: Mimiko calls for more dedication, prayers...says Ondo State will shine again**

The Ondo State Governor, Dr. Olusegun Mimiko on Wednesday called for greater dedication and prayers by the people of the State as the State marked 35 years of existence. The old Ondo State, now bifurcated into Ondo and Ekiti States, was carved out of the old Western Region on February 3, 1976.

Mimiko, in a release in Akure on Wednesday and signed on his behalf by his Chief Press Secretary, Mr. Kolawole Olabisi, was full of praises for the founding fathers of the State as well as the past Leaders who piloted the State before him saying that with renewed dedication, vigour and fervent prayers by the people, Ondo State would shine again.

"I want to appreciate God for what He has done for us in the past years. Today, what started as Ondo State in 1976 has been further divided into two States and we have witnessed tremendous developments and in the last 24 months since we got to office, a new Ondo State is in the offing. We want to assure you the good people of Ondo State that we have embarked upon unprecedented developmental projects which are already transforming the landscape of the State in line with the vision of our founding fathers. And we can assure you that by the grace of God, Ondo State would be the envy of all and a place of pride for all of us.

"On your part, we want you to continue to pray for us and continue to give us your unflinching support so that together we will regain our pristine glory. We are resolved that we will, with your support, renewed dedication and prayers, be a great State again. As you can see through our CARING HEART Programmes, we are rebuilding the State in line with the dreams and aspirations of our past leaders by revamping dead industries, creating employments, putting in place a sustainable urban and physical development, emplacing qualitative education and providing our youths with veritable opportunities to be self-sustaining and employable among others. By the Grace of God and with you by our side, we shall get there. I wish you all a happy celebration."

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